

Mythbusters #5

Myth: The world's in a mess & God doesn't care

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1. The world IS in a mess

The natural world

The “human” world

Result: blame God (intellectually) and turn away from him

2. And its personal

when the mess of the world becomes the mess in our lives

Suffering touches us deeply

Result: blame God (personally) and turn away from him

3. We don't just want intellectual answers - we want God to CARE

3. Busting the Myth - God DOES CARE

The apathetic dispassionate God is NOT the true God of the Bible

God cares as creator

- we all experience God's love and good gifts

God cares as redeemer

The Bible is the story of God's redeeming love

4. Questions, answers, unknowns, certainties

Why is the world in such a mess? Genesis 3

Where does evil come from?????

What is God doing about the mess?

Grace - restraining evil,

Grace - God's good gifts

Grace embodied in Jesus

Jesus enters our world

Jesus walks our path of suffering

Jesus deals with sin

Grace demonstrated in Jesus' resurrection

Will God fix up the mess? - he is and he will

When will God fix things up finally?

Why is God delaying? Because of his love and patience

5. How can I make sure I am part of the solution - not part of the problem?

6. Demonstrating God's care

Weep with those who weep - demonstrate God's compassion

Listen - demonstrate God's openness

Comfort - share God's comfort

Share God's gospel Grace when the time is right